

# FIREMEN TO GIVE BLOOD IN EFFORT TO SAVE LIFE OF 'PIG WOMAN' TODAY

## Star State Witness In Grave Condition Following Relapse

Mrs. Jane Gibson, principal state witness in the Hall-Mills murder trial, is in grave condition following her death in Jersey City Hospital.

This was learned today as doctors prepared for a blood transfusion in an endeavor to save her life.

A complete collapse was suffered by the "pig woman" during the night, and it was said she might not live out the day.

Her weakened condition may prevent the proposed operation, although three Jersey City firemen are standing by her bedside, prepared to give their blood if the physicians so decide.

They are Thomas Kent, of Engine Company 21, and Walter Graulick and Patrick Scott, both of Engine Company 14. Kent will be the one selected for the test, the others remaining as alternates in case they should be needed.

Although the doctors would neither confirm nor deny the report, it was said that even with the transfusion, there is little likelihood of the woman surviving.

## "PIG WOMAN" IS DYING, RUMOR STARTLES COURT; TRIAL'S COLLAPSE SEEN

By LEO J. CASEY

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 12.—"The pig woman" is dying, she is sinking rapidly, was the report that flashed through the court room today and was taken up by the impatient crowds outside, when the Hall-Mills murder trial was resumed.

Reports of the "pig woman's" condition threw both defense counsel and prosecution into an uproar.

According to court rulings in similar cases, if the "pig woman" dies, her testimony, or deposition, may not be introduced by the state.

It is likely, in the event of her death, that Simpson will merely go through the motions of concluding his prosecution, resigning himself to acquittal of the defendants through lack of evidence.

### Mrs. Hall Disappointed

"I sincerely hope that Mrs. Gibson recovers," Mrs. Hall told reporters when she arrived here just before court opened.

"If she dies, we will be deprived the privilege of cross-examining her."

"We are more anxious to have her take the stand than, I believe, Senator Simpson is."

"We have never had anything to fear from the 'pig woman's' testimony. On the contrary, should she take the stand, we have some witnesses who will clear the mystery about her and make things very, very interesting for Mrs. Gibson and her friends."

With Mrs. Gibson definitely removed from the trial, the state's case has virtually collapsed.

## Her Relapse a Blow to Simpson



MRS. JANE GIBSON, known in the Hall case as the "pig woman," is in such grave condition at the Jersey City Hospital today that a blood transfusion has been ordered by her physicians. Mrs. Gibson, leading witness for the state, may not testify for two weeks, even if the transfusion is successful, her physicians say. (Photo Graphic.)

## Wife Denies Husband Tried To Murder Her

"It's a lie—I don't know why I said that—except I was hysterical."



Helen Luppino

That's how Helen Luppino, 27, of 373 Hoyt St., Brooklyn, today explained the statement she made early yesterday to the effect that her husband tried to kill her three times in the past two years to get her \$10,000 insurance. In a statement issued through her lawyer, Mrs. Luppino declared Luppino was a dutiful and loving husband. She denied a previous story that gas jets had been mysteriously turned on in a room while she slept, asserting that at the time in question the whole family was ill from eating poisoned mushrooms.

## THE WEATHER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1926.



U. S. WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL—Fair and warmer today; north and northwest winds.  
EASTERN NEW YORK—Fair and colder tonight with rising temperature.

## \$10,000,000 Libel Suits Planned by Hall-Stevens If Acquitted of Murder

By JACK MILEY

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 12.—When the Hall-Mills trial is ended, unless its defendants are convicted, libel suits for \$10,000,000 will be filed by members of the Hall-Stevens-Carpender families against a New York tabloid newspaper, whose activities, as is held, caused a re-opening of the four-year-old murder mystery.

The millions of Jersey's most powerful financial alliance are pledged to fight against Gov. Harry Moore when he seeks his next political office.

Robert H. McCarter, Senator Clarence Case and Russell M. Watson, defense lawyers, will bring the reprisal actions if this murder trial ends, as they confidently hope, in the acquittal of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall and her brothers, William and Henry Stevens.

### Perjury Action Contemplated.

The defense counsel, should their clients be exonerated, will ask also perjury indictments against William Garvin, New York private detective, and other witnesses for the state.

Ralph Gorsline, depicted in the press as the "gaunt vestryman" and "love spy" on Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills, declared today that he, too, will bring a libel action. He declined to make public the sum he will seek.

Henry Carpender, cousin of the Stevenses, who waits in jail here

for a separate trial as one of the slayers of the rector and his choir singer, also will sue for heavy damages.

Carpender already has instructed his attorney to draft an action. The Wall Street broker claims that his personal character and his

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